

CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
MEETING MINUTES
Date November 14, 2007
Time: 7:00 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Gwen Benedict	Mark Flynn	Ted Fosberg	Larry Moormeier
Chris Ndifon	Jean Spohn		

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Vacant position

STAFF PRESENT:

Michael Lafreniere, Director
Scott Thomas, Parks Acquisition and Development Planner
Casey Stanley, Youth and Family Program Supervisor

Gwen Benedict called the meeting to order at approximately 7:05 PM.

GUESTS PRESENT: Many guests were present to participate in the Burien Community Recreation Center public meeting.

Burien Community Recreation Center Public Meeting

Michael Lafreniere presented information about the Community Recreation Center planning and design process for the first hour of the Board meeting. Michael and Scott answered questions after the presentation. Board members moved to another room to continue the Board meeting while Michael continued to answer questions from the public.

MEETING MINUTES: The minutes from the October meeting were amended to add the word 'renovation' so that the first sentence in the Capital Projects Update section reads 'South Seahurst Park Shoreline Renovation will be done by next summer'. The minutes were approved as amended 6/0/0.

CITIZEN COMMENT: None

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA: None

AGENDA ITEMS:

Recreation Update for Youth and Teens – Casey Stanley

Casey presented an overview of the different types of programs offered to youth and teens. All of the citywide special events, such as Kids Day and Pumpkin Patch Bash are free. Classes and camps do have a fee. For instance, the all-day camp weekly fee is \$105. 50% scholarships are available for kids on free and reduced lunch. A popular after-school drop-in program serves an average of 30 kids a day who arrive at the Community Center via bus from Sylvester Middle School. Another after-school program began this year in partnership with Victory church. Casey has been providing service connections to Highline HS juniors and seniors expected to do community service projects. Dances held once every 3 months have been attended by as many as 400 teens.

Department 2008 Work Program

Larry asked about the reduction for the landscaping budget item. Scott noted that landscaping activity would not change; it will just cost less in 2008 thanks to negotiation of a more favorable contract with TruGreen. Also noted is a significant rise in the cost of building maintenance and security.

Scott noted that next year he will try to provide more opportunity for the Board to weigh in on the budget and submit priorities. The budget has been approved by the Finance Department and to the City Council for approval this month.

Future Agenda Items and/or Questions

Motion to cancel December meeting was made by Larry, seconded by Jean and passed 6/0/0.
Election of officers to be at the January meeting

For the Good of the Order

- Gwen suggested a social event with the Arts Commission. Debbie and Scott will assist with setup if Gwen gets agreement.
- Gwen urged that we recruit applicants for the opening available on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board from An Pham's resignation.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Date: January 9, 2008

Time: 7:00 PM

Place: Burien Community Center

Respectfully submitted by Jean Spohn, Recording Secretary